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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NON-SCHEDULED AIRLINES

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1. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL AIR CARRIER ASSOCIATION (NACA), ITS INTEREST IN FIJI, AS EXPRESSED TO MAVOA LAST SUMMER, WAS PREDICATED ON EARLY PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON SUPPLEMENTAL RENEWAL PROCEEDINGS. THIS CASE, DECIDED ON JANUARY 15, EXPANDS OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS AND CAPITOL INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS' AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE PACIFIC BASIN. WITH NEW AUTHORITY IN HAND THESE AIRLINES WILL LIKELY REVIEW MARKET POSSIBILITIES AT FIJI AND OTHER ISLANDS IN REGION. HOWEVER, FORTHCOMING DECISION IN SOUTH PACIFIC CASE COULD DAMPEN SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES INTEREST,
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ESPECIALLY IF ADDITIONAL SCHEDULED AIRLINE IS ADDED TO ROUTE.

2. NACA REP POINTED OUT THAT SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES DO NOT ARRANGE CHARTER FLIGHTS DIRECTLY WITH CHARTERER BUT, MANY TIMES, THROUGH TOUR OPERATORS. THEREFORE, HE BELIEVED THAT PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (PATA)

MEETING IN FEBRUARY WOULD BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR FIJI VISITORS BUREAU AND GOF TO DISCUSS CHARTER POSSIBILITIES.

NACA SUGGESTED EDWARD J. DRISCOLL, PRESIDENT NACA, AND WILLIAM LEONARD, SENIOR VP, MARKETING, TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, AS GOOD CONTACTS FOR FIJIANS AT PATA MEETING.

3. FYI ONLY. NACA REP VERY FRANK REGARDING PRESENT LIMITATIONS OF FIJI MARKET WHICH IS CAUSED, IN LARGE PART, BY CHARTER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY AUSTRALIAN AND NZ GOVERNMENTS. ANY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF TOUR GROUPS WOULD NATURALLY INCLUDE STOPS IN THESE LARGER MARKETS.

4. COPY OF SUPPLEMENTAL RENEWAL PROCEEDINGS WILL BE POUCHED TO SUVA.

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